

DOINGS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE THURSDAY

PHOENIX, Feb. 24.—Land legislation is badly scrambled, but there is still a chance to compromise the Wilson bill introduced by Senator Garvin, the Riggs measure and the code submitted by the Farmers' Protective association.

The Mahoney mine tax bill is gaining strength daily.

The appropriation bills are about ready but are said to be held up pending a series of "developments."

A new prohibition bill is being drawn and will be ready for introduction soon.

Talk of an extra session is gaining ground. Many of the members profess to believe that the necessary work cannot possibly be accomplished within the time remaining for the regular session, although beginning next week night sessions will be held.

The governor is opposed to an extra session, but in the event of a failure to pass appropriation bills there will be nothing left to do.

In the house two bills were killed today; one was recommended to committee and four were adopted.

The most important is senate bill No. 21, which gives cities power to apply one-twentieth of one per cent of assessed valuation to the encouragement of immigration.

Senate bill No. 41 was passed by the house, as was also senate bill No. 36. No. 41 relates to method of collecting assessments levied for public improvements. No. 40 requires registration of vital statistics.

House bill No. 32, relating to the beginning of personal actions within five years of the date of the cause accruing, was killed.

House bill No. 43, providing that judgment may be renewed at any time within ten years, was killed.

House bill No. 87, authorizing the federal government to establish fish hatcheries in any stream or river in Arizona, was adopted.

The senate passed, by a vote of 18 to 1, senate bill No. 29, by Stapley, of Maricopa, which provides that no expenditure from public funds shall be made except when approved by board of public welfare.

The senate killed senate bill No. 52, by Kinney, of Gila, providing for party primaries and requiring voters to state their party affiliation before voting at a primary election.

In committee of the whole, it was recommended that senate bill No. 80 "do pass," that senate bill No. 95 be indefinitely postponed, and that senate bill No. 117 "do pass."

No. 80 is a proposed constitutional amendment, and provides that "no individual, corporation or association shall ever be allowed to purchase more than 160 acres of agricultural land, or to purchase more than 640 acres of grazing land."

No. 95, by Kinney, of Gila, provided for the abolishment of experimental farms and farm stations.

No. 117, by Stapley, of Maricopa, provided that state offices shall be open from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., except on Sundays and holidays, when they will remain closed all day, and after 1 p. m. on Saturdays during the months of June, July, August and September.

In the senate, Martin, of Pima, introduced bill No. 138, providing for appropriation by county boards of supervisors of \$5000 annually for district fair purposes.

No. 129, by Goldwater, of Yavapai, provides for establishment of a state banking system.

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Claypool bill was killed in the senate this morning on motion of Drachman, of Pima.

Representative Cook of Cochise, has introduced a mine tax bill in the house which practically repeats the present law.

Drachman, of Pima, introduced in the senate a substitute liquor bill to take the place of the Powers-Itachuan bill. The measure is similar in import but without the features which created so much criticism of the original measure.

The committee on public institutions of the house has "investigated" Warden Sims, of the state penitentiary. A majority report will be made tomorrow favorable to the warden. Representative Christy, of Greenlee, will file a minority report.

It is stated that the effort to smother the Goldwater resolution providing for an investigating committee will fail, and that a demand will shortly be made in the lower house for the production of the resolution.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the senate, by a vote of 14 to 8 decided to reconsider their action of the morning in indefinitely postponing the Kinney-Claypool bill. The measure now goes upon the calendar of the committee of the whole and may be up for consideration tomorrow.

There was no excitement in either house today, most of the time being spent in committee of the whole.

Chardge introduced senate bill No. 134, providing for a bridge across the Gila river in Graham county.

No. 135, by Senator MacMillan, is amendatory, and relates to the repayment by counties of road tax fund into general state fund.

No. 136, by Senator Collier, exempts Mexicans fifty years of age and having lived five years in the state from the necessity of being able to read the constitution of the United States before they may vote.

In the house house bill No. 58, providing for the acceptance of grants, devises, bequests and assignments to the state of Arizona finally passed.

Until senate joint memorial No. 1, praying congress to take steps to conserve the waters of the Gila in Graham county.

A message from the Governor announced that he has signed the fish hatchery bill authorizing the United States government to establish hatchery and culture stations on the rivers and streams of Arizona.

The governor had expressed himself as opposed to placing the emergency measure on so many bills, and several measures already passed he has permitted to become laws without his signature in protest of the emergency habit.

He is reported to have declared that "the legislature is making a joke of the constitution."

Boy Shoots Mother And Takes Own Life

GLOBE, Feb. 25.—Enraged because his mother, Mrs. D. S. McDonald, owner of the Arizona Steam Laundry, had discharged him, Emmett Edwards produced a revolver, wounded her in the head with his first shot and then committed suicide here today.

Mrs. McDonald, who was recently married to her third husband, had quarreled with her son by her first marriage, whom she employed in a minor capacity of the laundry. After his discharge, Edwards apparently brooded over his troubles for a day then produced a pearl-handled thirty-two and went to see about it. He found Mrs. McDonald in the office of the laundry. Another quarrel ensued, then the maddened son shot his mother, inflicting a slight wound in the head. He then turned the weapon upon himself, and inflicted the wound in his neck from which he expired almost instantly.

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DOINGS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT THURSDAY

In the case of the State vs. Antonio Herrera, who changed his plea of "not guilty" and entered a plea of "guilty" to the charge of forgery, was given a suspended sentence by His Honor Judge Lockwood.

The case of the State vs. Amado Gomez, occupied the attention of the Court this morning. The defendant in the case was tried for the crime of receiving an officer at Pearce and found guilty. The following is the list of jurors selected to try the case:

G. Cronin J. A. Sanders
J. F. Fisher R. E. Laughlin
J. B. Anderson J. Mober
J. B. Bryhill E. D. Murphy
M. J. Mayer E. H. Johnson
W. S. Stodghill P. E. Eddy

The statutory time for sentence was waived by counsel for the defense and Judge Lockwood sentenced Gomez to the state prison for a term of not less than three nor more than five years.

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In the superior court today the case of the State vs. Sie West, charged with the killing of one Johnson at McNeel some time ago, was called to trial. The day was spent in the examination of the panel for the selection of the jury to try the case, which was completed late this afternoon.

It is expected that the case will occupy the attention of the court all of tomorrow as there are some twenty witnesses to examine on both sides. The trial progresses as we go to press.

Following is the special venire that reported today:

J. A. Fogarty H. A. Baker
R. E. Oglesby Joseph T. Ware
J. W. Harmon A. Redus
J. M. Kirkpatrick James Barrett
Frank Tillotson L. G. Wilson
C. S. Hunt P. G. Madigan
Archie Chisholm

E. P. & S. W. To Build to Yuma

Mr. H. U. Mudge, vice president and general manager, in an extended interview given the San Diego Union recently in San Diego, gave out the following which is of great interest to Arizona because it means the early completion of the El Paso and Southwestern from Tucson to Yuma. The interview follows:

"The Rock Island will one day have an outlet to the Pacific coast at San Diego. Had not the war come on it would have had it soon. It is surely coming. The Rock Island needs another rail connection with the East."

"Building this connecting link of railroad means a great commercial development, and it is too big and important not to come about. The war has delayed the matter, somewhat, but the railroad to Yuma will be an accomplished fact and a tremendous commercial impulse for San Diego."

"The Rock Island taps fourteen states and is mainly supported by handling products to and from agricultural territory. It is one of the great arteries of traffic between the Mississippi river and the coast. It will be even a greater line with a coast outlet which the connecting link with San Diego will give."

"You know the Rock Island was the first railroad to cross the Mississippi river. The structure spanning the Mississippi at Rock Island was built originally in 1854."

In connection with the foregoing it is currently rumored in California that the Southwestern will build to Yuma and the Speckles road will rush its work to El Centro, and then by joint agreement the Southwestern-Rock Island trains will use the S. P. into El Centro via Calexico, and then to San Diego over the Speckles road. It is also said that this will also put the S. P. into San Diego and that San Diego will get the S. P., Rock Island and Southwestern all into their seaport at one and the same time, immediately upon the completion of the Speckles road to El Centro.

From Thursday's Daily.

Irrigation Rate Soon

An irrigation rate to the Tombstone consumers will be put on soon by the Hutchins Water Company, and will begin about 1 to 25¢ of March according to recent announcement. Manager Gardner states the company is working toward a still lower rate than last year and in all probability this will be realized. The official announcement will be issued shortly. Through this kind of an arrangement the local people have been enabled to have better gardens, shrubbery and trees.

Returned Home

Mrs. A. C. Lockwood and children returned home last evening from Douglas after spending several days on a visit. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Lincoln, who will visit here for several weeks.

Crouch Wins Race

Irving Crouch won the motorcycle race from Lowell to Douglas yesterday, his time being 25 minutes 30 seconds. Frank Barnett made the run in 1 minute 13 seconds more time. Both rode Harley Davidsons. W. C. Dorsett came in third on a Henderson. Charles McCarthy came in fourth on a Henderson. A large crowd watched the racers arrive at the Gadsden hotel. —Douglas, International.

Attended Hearing

Manager N. H. Gardner of the Hutchins Water Company returned home yesterday from Phoenix, where he had been on a hearing before the corporation commission.

To Douglas

Attorney O. Gibson left last evening for Bisbee and Douglas, where he expects to be gone several days on legal business.

Returned From Phoenix

A. C. Karger, clerk of the board of supervisors, and A. Wentworth returned home last evening from Phoenix, where they had been for the past several days to attend the Shrine at the Capital.

Expected Today

Mrs. C. F. Renne, sister of Mrs. A. H. Gardner is expected to arrive in Tombstone this afternoon from her home at Los Angeles, and will remain in the city on an extended visit to the guest of her sister.

Commission Hears Williams Tax Case

PHOENIX, Feb. 25.—Earnings and expenditures of the Grand Canyon Light and Power Company, and reasons why that concern has deferred payment of the taxes for 1913 and 1914, as fixed by the state board of equalization, came up for hearing before the state tax commission yesterday. E. S. Clark of Prescott represented the company and County Attorney C. B. Wilson of Coconino county appeared for the county.

At the conclusion of the meeting the commission voted to send one of the commissioners to Williams to examine into the physical valuation of the plant before rendering a decision in the case.

Remains Of Child Laid To Rest

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gardner was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence on Tenth street. Mrs. C. F. Renne, sister of Mrs. Gardner arrived in time for the funeral and the procession was long that followed the remains of the infant to its grave.

Helen Arlington has passed from this life of cares and tribulations, but she has gone to The Maier, where for time immortal she will grace the Golden Stairs with her babyish Angel form. And she leaves behind her a sorrowing mother and father in whose memories will linger long the cherubic and happy face, memories of the days on this earth before he saw fit to take her unto Him.

The "Prospector" joins in extending condolences to the heartbroken parents.

From Friday's Daily.

Stations of the Cross

Beginning with tonight the Stations of the Cross will be had every Friday evening at the Catholic church and all local Catholics are urged to be present.

Before Court

Deputy Sheriff, Chas. Webster of Pearce is a visitor in the county, seat having been failed as a witness in a case before the Superior Court.

From Pearce

James Lemons of Pearce arrived last evening on a visit of several days.

Creditable Editions

The Douglas International and Douglas Dispatch, the two enterprising daily papers of the Smelter City, on Washington's Birthday issued special numbers that were a credit to the publishers and the city. Both papers were filled to overflowing with advertising, which shows the boosting spirit of the Douglas business men to assist in such enterprises, which are sure to bring results.

Here From Benson

B. Maier, of the firm of B. Maier and company of Benson is in the City on a short stay.

More Cupid

Dame Rumor is again at work, she states that within a very short time another of Tombstone's fair maids will be back on the ship of matrimony, and the whole trouble this time that an outsider has come here and taken the girl from our midst, and it therefore behooves those living in "single case" to get busy.

Witness In Case

Deputy Sheriff Billy Brakefield of Bisbee was among the visitors in the county seat today as a witness in the West Case on in court today.

Returned from Douglas

Attorney O. Gibson was a returning passenger last evening from Douglas where he has been for the past two days on legal business.

California Trying To Steal Arizona's River

A serious dispute between the states of Arizona and California is threatened by the action of the ranchmen in the latter state who have been tampering with the course of the Colorado river. Arizona's erratic western boundary line. Legal action by the attorney general of Arizona to prevent the Californians from further diverting the course of the river is imminent.

The trouble originated in 1895 when the Colorado suddenly took a roving notion and wandered a mile or two into California, taking it's main channel with it. Since that time it has evinced a desire to continue its western tour, lured probably by the glowing advertisements that issue from the coast cities of the Golden state. It has been encroaching more and more on California territory, and lately the ranchmen on the western side began the construction of jetty work to turn the foam eating current from its destructive course.

Not content with straightening out the river, it is alleged that the ranchmen then crossed to the Arizona side and by deftly manipulating a few more jetties, started the river to gobbling up general square miles of Arizona's best best school land in the Cibola valley. Hundreds of acres, it is said, have already been swept away and the state land commission, to whose attention the matter has called, has issued an appeal to the attorney general to take measures to restrain Californians from carrying off any other sections of the baby state.

Come On, Douglas, And Be a Sport

A traveler recently informed us that the announcer at the Gadsden hotel, in Douglas, when calling the westbound train, does not mention Tombstone at all. Come, good people of Douglas, be sports! Tombstone was on the map long before you were, and will be long after you have been wiped off it.

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Natural Mistake.

Little Eunice was very fond of her mother's friend, Mrs. Clayton, who had stopped in for a few moments on her way to an afternoon party. She was wearing a beautiful new gown. Little Eunice gazed at her for several seconds, speechless with admiration, and then burst out delightedly, "Oh, Mrs. Clayton, you look just like a fashion dish!"—Youth's Companion.

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